(b) what amount has been provided for his reception?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) A National Reception Committee of about 175 prominent Indians, drawn from all regions, political parties and walks of life, has been formed. A working Group of the Committee too was constituted for directing its activities.

(b) Adequate funds will be provided for his reception as and when necessary.

Discretionary Powers of Governors

1944. SHRI T.R. BALU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to curtail the discretionary powers of Governors in forming the Ministries in the States; and

(b) if so, by when the decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Amendment of Constitution in pursuance of Sarkaria Commission Recommendations

1945. SHRI T.R. BALU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to amend the Constitution as recommended by the Sarkaria Commission; and

(b) if so, when ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) and (b) As at present, there is no proposal before the Government to amend the Constitution on the recomendations of the Commission.

New Treaty with Sri Lanka

1946. SHRI T. R. BALU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to sign a new treaty with Sri Lanka; and

(b) if so, the nature of the treaty?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) (a) and (b) The Sri Lanka Government has proposed a Friendship Treaty, modelled on the Indo-Soviet Treaty, to replace the Letters Exchanged on 29th July, 1987 at the time of the signing of the Indo-Sri Lanka Agreement. Government has conveyed its willingness in principle to sign such Treaty to accommodate Sri Lanka's request if a mutually agreed text can be negotiated.

Widening of National Highway between Vijayawada and Chilakaluripeta

1947. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to widen the National Highway between Vijayawada and Chilakaluripeta in Andhra Pradesh; if so, what is the cost involved therein and by when the project is likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): Yes, Sir. Estimate for survey, investigation and project preparation of 4-laning Chilakaluripeta-Guntur-Vijayawada Section having a length of 82.95 Kms.